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Altino Properties, Inc. c/o Alex Cugini, Jr. President P.O. Box 359 Renton, Washington 98057

Re: Comments on Draft Final Feasibility Study
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial
Investigation and Feasibility Study
Quendall Terminals Superfund Site, Renton, Washington
Docket No.: CERCLA-10-2006-0325

Dear Ms Krause and Mr. Cugini:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the draft final Quendall Terminals Superfund Site Feasibility Study (FS), dated October 14, 2013¹, submitted by Altino Properties, Inc. and J.H. Baxter & Co. (Respondents). This document was submitted in accordance with the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (AOC) between EPA and Respondents for the Quendall Terminals Superfund Site located in Renton, Washington ("Quendall Site" or "Site").

In accordance with Paragraph 42 of the AOC, the EPA (1) approves Sections 1-6 contingent upon resubmittal of the FS with changes to the text as directed by EPA in Attachments 1 - 3; and (2) disapproves the Executive Summary, Sections 7, and Section 8, and directs the Respondents to submit a revised FS that incorporates the changes directed by EPA in Attachments 4, 5, and 6. Consistent with Section X of the AOC, EPA directs Respondent to resubmit a revised FS² within 60 days of your receipt of this letter.

The directed changes to the text in Sections 1-3 and 5 are identified in the attached chart labeled as Attachment 1. In addition, Attachment 1 includes general comments. The directed changes to Sections 4 and 6 are identified Attachments 2 and 3, respectively. The directed changes for the Executive Summary, Sections 7, and Section 8 are presented in Attachments 4, 5, and 6.

¹ The draft final FS is a resubmission of the draft FS.

² EPA has not expended the resources to technically edit the attachments and expects Respondents to technically edit the revised FS prior to its resubmittal. To the extent that such an editing effort results in changes to the directed text, EPA directs Respondents to provide a track change version of the revised FS as well a clean version of the FS in hard copy as well as word and pdf formats.

As you know, I will be unavailable between September 24 and October 17, 2014. After the 17th, feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this letter and EPA's approval/disapproval. I have also scheduled a meeting from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on October 21, 2014 at EPA's office to discuss this letter and EPA's approval/disapproval. Prior to the 17th of October, feel free to contact Ted Yackulic, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (206) 553-1218 or yackulic.ted@epa.gov. EPA looks forward to a timely and revised submittal of the FS that comports with the directives of this letter.

Sincerely,

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